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Docket No.: 014939-002500
Client Ref. No.: IB-1897

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Eric B. Norman et al.

Application No.: 10/821,658

Filed: April 8, 2004

For: DETECTING SPECIAL NUCLEAR
MATERIALS IN CONTAINERS USING
HIGH-ENERGY GAMMA RAYS
EMITTED BY FISSION PRODUCTS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 8774

Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica

Art Unit: 3641

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because one of the named inventors, Stanley G. Prussin, is over 65 years of age. A Declaration by Stanley G. Prussin is attached as proof of age. No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.102(c).

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF STANLEY G.
PRUSSIN IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO
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APPLICANT'S AGE

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Sir:

I, Stanley G. Prussin, being duly warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issuing thereon, state and declare as follows:

1. All statements herein made of my own knowledge are true, and statements made on information or belief are believed to be true and correct.

2. My birth date is November 20, 1939, and thus I am over 65 years of age.

The declarant has nothing further to say.

Date: May 8, 2005

Stanley G. Prussin
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